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German Rule in Belgium to Be Eased, Result of Pope's Plea

Special Cable to The Washington Herald.

Rome, Dec. 12.—L'Emblema, identified with the radicals, states that it has exclusive information that Cardinal Mercier, the Pope's recent visit here is destined to have the greatest bearing on Belgium's immediate future.

After writing his famous letter to Cardinal Mercier, the Pope began direct negotiations with the Kaiser with the object of obtaining certain promises concerning Belgium.

Cardinal Mercier, according to this report, is said to have brought assurances from Berlin that Germany will do everything within its power to mitigate the suffering of the Belgian people during the coming winter.

Also assurances were given that Germany will exercise with low rigor its power to punish in cases of flagrant treason.

The situation in Belgium was the subject of several conversations between Cardinal Gasparri, the papal secretary,

and Cardinal Hartmann. The Vatican, through Cardinal Gasparri, invited Cardinal Hartmann to recommend to the Kaiser the reconstruction of the monuments of art in Belgium. The papal secretary urged that this work begin immediately.

It was suggested that the German imperial government work with the Vatican in ascertaining the amounts of the individual losses and that the Cardinal Gasparri suggested that the parol authorities of each town be invited to prepare a list of the damages caused in each community and submit the list.

He also recommended that the power of the military tribunals be limited to trying only those caught committing flagrant crimes against the military rule.

Cardinal Hartmann promised, says L'Emblema, that he would personally recommend these suggestions to the Kaiser.

He assured the Pope that owing to the more friendly attitude of the Polish population, the work of reconstruction there had already begun.

William Elchhorn, 34 years old, is at the Alexandria Hospital, being treated for a severe scalp laceration which he received as the result of falling from an electric train at Columbus and Cameron streets, late last night.

Elchhorn was treated by Dr. W. W. Smith.

The time limit for the payment of city capitation taxes expires tomorrow. For the accommodation and those unable to pay during the day City Treasurer Thomas W. Robinson will keep his office open at night.

A meeting of those interested in the community Christmas tree will be held at 8 o'clock tomorrow night, at the residence of Mrs. Julian T. Burke, Prince street.

A grand jury will meet at 11 o'clock tomorrow morning in the Corporation Court, Judge L. C. Bailey presiding, when ten criminal cases will be considered.

Mrs. Mary Harris Armour will deliver an address on "National Prohibition" at 7:30 o'clock Monday night at Trinity M. E. Church. The meeting will be under the auspices of the National W. C. T. U.

PRACTICAL HEALTH TALKS

Dr. Whitney's popular articles on health and beauty subjects in several leading magazines have been attracting marked attention for a number of years. No other writer on similar topics is better equipped for the work, for Dr. Whitney has established an enviable reputation as a specialist and is endowed with the ability to make herself easily understood by her readers. She will answer all letters relating to her department as promptly as possible. All letters should be accompanied by a stamped envelope and should be addressed care of this paper.

Lillian Whitney, M.D.

Dancing for Health, Grace, and Beauty.

We cannot trace the origin of the dance; it is lost in remote antiquity, and from the very beginning of time it has existed in one form or another throughout the ages. Every race and every grade of society has its representative dance which is given to the nature of the people; the "Highland Flair" is a very different dance from the Irish jig; the Spanish dances are almost entirely confined to sex, while the stately minuet is characterized by an expression of the most formal and polite society.

It is only within our time that the art and beauty of dancing have descended from the halls of the aristocracy to the grocer's and been almost effaced by our overwhelming commercialism. Still the true spirit of the dance always survives, and the keen ardor with which it is being pursued now proves how great is our desire to throw off the artificial shackles that bind us, and to revive the only art we possess which enables us to give true expression to human emotions.

It is a long time since we have danced only for the love of God, and many of us do not know that dancing was the handmaiden of religion in those far-away days when men lived ideas. "But dancing has fallen into evil ways," says one who. Not at all. "Evil" to him who evil thinks; it is just as apt as that beauty lies only in the eye of the beholder; furthermore, beauty that enters through the senses has an inspiring rather than a degrading effect.

The wonderful impetus given to everyday dancing in this country is unquestionably due in large part to the marvelous performances of the Russian Imperial ballet dancers, whose exquisite art enables them to interpret every shade of the human soul. The revival of the classical art has been developed by an American woman who has since become famous; her exquisite interpretations are like a quaff of nectar to a parched throat. She draws her inspiration from rhythmic nature—the trees, the clouds, the waves, dancing sun—finds in everything that is alive in the human soul.

Aside from the highest power that dancing possesses as a means of self-expression, it has others, and perhaps even greater qualities in its physiological effect.

A well-known dancing master in New York City declares that boys should be taught to attend dancing classes regularly from the sixth to the twelfth year. During this time they accumulate grace which they never lose, and they become so well founded in the foundations of the art that they are splendidly equipped for any future social life into which they may enter, even though they never dance; they will have acquired an ease of manner and deportment which is very difficult to assume in later years. Again, a knowledge of dancing will be a hindrance, but rather a help, to the more strenuous out-of-door games and sports in which a healthy, lusty boy of twelve engages.

Since the object of dancing is primarily enjoyment, it necessarily brings out the lighter and more wholesome qualities, smiles instead of tears; so it infuses into the atmosphere a blending, a mixture of joy, happiness and hope, an optimism regarding life's problems that may be termed the spirit of the dance. Women, being far more emotional than men, experience this to a greater extent, and therefore are greater devotees of the art and more expert dancers.

While dancing is an art and an accomplishment, it is above all the highest form of physical culture, and both men and women are awakening to a realization of its great value in the re-education of the body and in the refinement of the soul.

Those who first become acquainted with the art of dancing are reaching maturity are heightened by observing their awkwardness and clumsy movements in comparison with others.

Answers to Queries.

Bride: I am by no means opposed to the use of the corset and regard it as a necessary and hygienic garment for women, if properly adjusted.

Eye: It will give me great pleasure to send you a formula for an eye wash by a celebrated American specialist if you will let me have your address and stamped envelope.

X. Y. Z.: The use of Vichy and Kissingen salts for the reduction of weight has given good results in many cases. The salts are used on alternate days.

(Complete: W.A.)

Special Film Features

THE LEADER Bet. E and F on 9th Street. TODAY. PARAMOUNT PRESENTS BLANCHETTE SWARTZ IN "THE CLUE"

PENN GARDENS PENN. AVE. AT 21ST ST. MONDAY. GEORGE FAGLE SCENTER, GASTON DELL, AND ETHEL CLAYTON. In Five-act Drama. Also Comedies.

TUESDAY. "Six Wives" Also a Comedy.

120 CONFIRMED AT CHURCH MASS

St. Mary's of Alexandria Holds Special Service—Richmond Bishop Presides.

GEORGIA FRENCH DEAD

Residence of Mrs. James E. King is Scene of Wedding—Fire Destroys Store.

Alexandria, Va., Dec. 12.—A class of 120 was confirmed at the 7 o'clock mass at St. Mary's Catholic Church today by Rt. Rev. D. J. O'Connell, bishop of the diocese of Richmond. This class was composed of 160 children and seventeen adults.

The bishop preached at the 11 o'clock mass at that church.

A large congregation attended the confirmation services.

This afternoon a class of twenty-eight was confirmed by the bishop at St. Rita's Church, Mount Ida, Alexandria County. This class was composed of twenty-one children and seven adults. A number of people from this city attended the services at St. Rita's this afternoon.

Mrs. George French, a well known young woman, died shortly before 8 o'clock this morning at the home of her sister, Mrs. Richard Gibson, 219 South Alfred street. Her death followed a long illness. Mrs. French was a daughter of George S. French, and besides her father she survived two sisters and a brother, Mrs. Richard Gibson, this city; Mrs. C. R. Howard, Fredericksburg, and D. Milton French, this city.

The body was removed to the home of her father, 106 North Alfred street, from whence the funeral will take place at 11 o'clock Tuesday morning. Services will be conducted by Rev. W. J. Morton, rector of Christ P. E. Church.

Mrs. Blanche Burgess, of Richmond, Ind., and James William Bryan, of Knoxville, Tenn., were married at 8:30 o'clock last night at the home of Mrs. E. King, "King's Crest," Herbert Springs, Fairfax County, Va. The ceremony was performed by Rev. Dr. S. A. Wallis, of the Episcopal Theological Seminary. The ceremony was witnessed by a large number of friends of the couple from Washington and also by the bridegroom's father, George Bryan. A reception followed the wedding, after which Mr. and Mrs. Bryan left on a special car for a Northern bridal trip. Upon their return they will live at Mrs. King's residence for the coming year. Mr. Bryan is engaged in business in Washington.

Fire at 2 o'clock this morning destroyed the store and dwelling of Fairfax Jackson, 1008 North Royal street. The fire made a large number of friends of the couple from Washington and also by the bridegroom's father, George Bryan. A reception followed the wedding, after which Mr. and Mrs. Bryan left on a special car for a Northern bridal trip. Upon their return they will live at Mrs. King's residence for the coming year. Mr. Bryan is engaged in business in Washington.

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Allies to Win War May 1, 1917, British Straw Vote Says

Of Fifty Englishmen Representing All Ranks in Army and Navy and Social Life, Thirty-eight Expect Victory, Six a Draw and Six Concede Triumph to Germans.

By JOHN R. BALDERSTON.

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London, Nov. 28.—There are two questions that come up several times a day in the mind of practically every man and woman in the world. They are: Who is going to win the war?

How long will it last?

They are questions which the man in the street can answer with almost as much of being right as the most brilliant diplomat who knows more State secrets than he can remember.

Just as in America before an election the guess of the milkman is as good as that of the national committee, I have taken a "straw" vote among fifty British subjects, who represent a cross-section of British life, obtaining their answers to the two questions.

High Authorities Questioned.

The fifty were picked in such a way as to get at military opinion as opposed to civilian, and the opinion of the "upper classes" as opposed to the "lower." All of them answered both questions, five in obtaining fifty answers I asked at least fifty other persons for opinions who declined to give them.

Twenty-eight of my fifty Britishers are in the army and navy. One is a major-general, one a brigadier-general, five colonels, two captains, lieutenant-colonels, two non-commissioned officers and seven privates. One is a rear admiral, two naval captains, two naval lieutenants and six Jack tars.

The twenty-two civilians who answered the questions include one lord, two members of the House of Commons, five lawyers, two grocers, two sales dealers, one doctor, one milkman, one gardener, one waiter, one omnibus guard and one subway guard.

Of the whole fifty, twenty-eight are officers and twenty-two civilians, and viewed according to British social standards, twenty-eight are members of the "masses" and twenty-two are "upper classes."

Six Believe in a Draw.

"Who will win the war?"

Of the twenty-eight naval and military men, twenty-two answered "The allies," five replied "It will be a draw," and one answered "The Germans." He was an officer, not a private.

"The twenty-two civilians voted: 'The allies' 16; 'a draw' 4; 'The Germans' 2."

Ignoring the distinction between civilian and fighting man, and appraising the votes according to class distinctions, the result was obtained:

"The classes," that is the army and navy officers, the members of Parliament and the lawyers, voted: Allies, 13; a draw, 4; Germans, 1.

"The masses," including, besides the

more humble civilians, the fourteen

tommyes and tars, voted: Allies, 25; a draw, 5; Germans, 2.

The total vote of the whole fifty stood: Allies, 38; draw, 6; Germans, 6.

Analysis of German Vote.

Of the six men who think the Germans will win, one is an army officer, two are lawyers, two taxi drivers and the other a waiter.

"How long will it last?"

Each man was requested to name the date